05/24/2004 19:12 6103758380

Page 1 of 11

Appl. No. 09/754,277 Amendment and/or Response Reply to Office Action of December 24, 2003



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/754,277

Applicant(s): T. Sawayana

Filed: January 5, 2001

TC/A.U.: 1700/1763

Examiner: L. Alejandro Mulero

Atty. Docket: Oki.201

Title: Plasma Etching Apparatus

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

I certify that this correspondence is being: [] deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

[X] transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306.

On: May 24, 2004

William S. Franços

AMENDMENT and/or RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, please amend the above referenced application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks. Appl. No. 09/754,277 Amendment and/or Response Reply to Office Action of December 24, 2003

Page 2 of 11

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1. Amendments to the Claims, reflected in the complete listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper;
- 2. Remarks/Discussion of issues, which begin on page 6 of this paper;